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1. WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT SHAPE, REF A, WE NOTE THAT THE DPC, IN REF B, ESTABLISHED THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL HAIG AS SACEUR TO BECOME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 15, 1974. IT IS NORMAL PRACTICE THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS THE DATE FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND SINCE GENERAL GOODPASTER IS IN COMMAND UNTIL THE SPECIFIED DATE AT WHICH TIME GENERAL HAIG WOULD ASSUME COMMAND.

2. SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS THIS FURTHER WITH SYG LUNS, AND
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STATE THAT IF THE CONSENSUS SO FAVORS, THE US WOULD IN-

TERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO THE DPC MOVING THE CHANGE OF
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